

Rights of Way Sustain Program FY13 – FY15

Rights of Way (ROW) are comprised of corridors that contain transmission lines and the access roads established for the original construction and ongoing maintenance of transmission lines. Working with federal, state, and local agencies, private land owners, and other interested parties, BPA maintains 266,600 acres of transmission line corridor rights of way, 19,146 miles of access roads, and approximately 80,000 tracts of easement for the corridors and access roads.

There are three primary activities that occur on the rights of way: 1) control vegetation, 2) maintain and improve access roads, and 3) acquire and manage land rights. All these activities are important in maintaining transmission reliability, availability and safety. While access roads and land rights have a capital component, vegetation management is expensed.

The integrated rights of way strategy synchronizes the planning and scheduling of ROW work with long-range plans for tribal renewals, line projects, vegetation management cycles, and access roads projects. This four-year capital program for ROW supports implementation of the integrated strategy. Capital requirements for access road construction and easements are driven primarily by the level of construction activities within the Steel and Wood Line sustain programs.